

Lexi Kolterman: 2015 HEF Scholarship Recipient

Lexi is starting her second semester at the University of Iowa where she is studying biomedical engineering with the hopes to one day be working in the field of prosthetics. She says that going off to college alone was difficult in the beginning, but she has met many new people and has enjoyed the experience of moving to a new city on her own. Living in Iowa City after having grown up in Hudson was quite a big change.

Receiving HEF scholarships last spring helped cut into the huge expense of paying for college, but also served as a “total confidence boost.” Lexi says, “Knowing that these local businesses and families have chosen to make an investment in me is an incredibly humbling and motivating factor.”

Lexi advises current Hudson seniors to “get comfortable with being uncomfortable.” Starting college is a culture shock, but you have to remember that everyone is in the same boat so it’s easy to make new friends. “My biggest piece of advice is to embrace the weird and talk to everyone! Some of my best friends in college are people I probably never would have talked to in high school. We don’t all share the same interests, but that’s what makes conversations interesting. That’s how I’ve learned so much!”

All 2016 seniors are encouraged to apply for the 2016 HEF scholarships. The application deadline is Friday, February 19th, 2016 at 2 p.m. If anyone has questions about the Hudson Educational Fund (HEF) or about how to donate and contribute to scholarships for both students and projects of Hudson School teachers, please contact Jim Prather, Doug Coonrad, Shawn Kolterman or Joanne Hawkins. The HEF Board can also be reached by email at HudsonEducationalFund@hudsonpiratepride.com.

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